ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

chemically decontaminating method for includes The method material. radioactive setting surface reducing-dissolving step for radioactive material in contact with reducing decontamination liquid including mono-carboxylic dissolvent; and and di-carboxylic acid a s acid oxidizing dissolving step for setting the surface of the radioactive material in contact with oxidizing decontamination liquid including oxidizer. method may include repeated pairs of steps, each pair the reducing dissolving a n d the step including oxidizing-dissolving step. The mono-carboxylic acid may include formic acid, and the di-carboxylic acid includes oxalic acid. The oxidizer may be ozone, permanganic acid or permanganate.